

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES OF THE )      CASE NO.  
PENDLETON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT )      2002-00239

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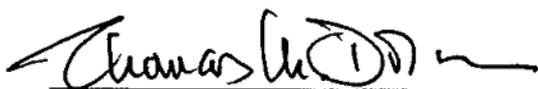
On July 12, 2002, Pendleton County Water District ( Pendleton ) filed its application for Commission approval of proposed water rates. Commission Staff, having performed a limited financial review of Pendleton's operations, has prepared the attached Staff Report containing Staff's findings and recommendations regarding the proposed rates. All parties should review the report carefully and provide any written comments or requests for a hearing or informal conference no later than 10 days from the date of this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that all parties shall have no more than 10 days from the date of this Order to provide written comments regarding the attached Staff Report or requests for hearing or informal conference. If no request for a hearing or informal conference is received, this case will be submitted to the Commission for a decision.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

STAFF REPORT  
ON  
PENDLETON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
CASE NO. 2002-00239

Pursuant to a request by Pendleton County Water District ( Pendleton ) for assistance with the preparation of a rate application, Commission Staff ( Staff ) performed a limited financial review of Pendleton s test year operations, the calendar year ending December 31, 2001. The scope of Staff s review was limited to obtaining information as to whether the test period operating revenues and expenses were representative of normal operations. Insignificant or immaterial discrepancies were not pursued and are not addressed herein.

Upon completion of the review, Staff assisted Pendleton in the development and preparation of a rate application. The application included an adjusted pro forma operating income statement wherein adjustments were made to test year operating revenues and expenses that were known and measurable and deemed to be reasonable. The rates proposed by Pendleton were based on the pro forma income statement as shown in Attachment B of the application. Attachment A of the application shows the revenue requirements from rates including depreciation expense to be \$860,315, an increase of \$63,513 over normalized test year revenue from rates.

On July 12, 2002, Pendleton filed its rate application to the Commission for consideration. Staff is hereby adopting the contents of that application as its recommendation in this report as if fully set out herein. Sam Reid is responsible for all revenue adjustments and calculation of the proposed rates. Scott Lawless is

responsible for the determination of the revenue requirement. Based on the information included in Pendleton's application, Staff is of the opinion that the rates proposed by Pendleton, as shown in Attachment A of this report, are reasonable and should be approved by this Commission.

Signatures

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ATTACHMENT A  
STAFF REPORT CASE NO. 2002-00239  
STAFF S RECOMMENDED RATES

Monthly Water Rates

First	2,000 Gallons	\$16.33	Minimum Bill
Next	3,000 Gallons	7.46	Per 1,000 Gallons
Next	10,000 Gallons	7.08	Per 1,000 Gallons
Over	15,000 Gallons	6.00	Per 1,000 Gallons

Pendleton County High School

First	125,000 Gallons	\$769.51	Minimum Bill
Over	125,000 Gallons	6.00	Per 1,000 Gallons

Griffin Industries

First	400,000 Gallons	\$2,419.51	Minimum Bill
Over	400,000 Gallons	6.00	Per 1,000 Gallons

City of Butler

First	1,672,917 Gallons	\$3,680.42	Minimum Bill
Over	1,672,917 Gallons	2.20	Per 1,000 Gallons